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IN THE CLAIMS:

23. (Amended) An oven comprising
a cabinet having a plurality of compartments therein,
a plurality of trays in said compartments, each compartment
being sized for receiving only one tray per compartment,
said compartments being isolated from one another in said
cabinet whereby flavor from food in one tray in one compartment
is prevented from transferring to food in trays in adjacent
compartments,
each compartment having open ends for placement of said
tray in the compartment and removal of said tray from the
compartment, and
a plurality of heaters, each heater being operable for
heating a respective compartment.

24. (Previously presented) The oven as set forth in claim
23 wherein each compartment has a bottom wall heated by a
respective heater.

25. (Previously presented) The oven as set forth in claim
24 wherein each compartment has side walls, and wherein said
bottom and side walls of each compartment are formed by a
unitary member.

26. (Previously presented) The oven as set forth in claim
25 wherein said unitary member is generally U-shaped.

27. (Previously presented) The oven as set forth in claim
25 wherein said unitary member is a metal heat sink.

28. (Previously presented) The oven as set forth in claim
23 further comprising a cover in at least one of said
compartments for covering a tray in the compartment.

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29. (Previously presented) The oven as set forth in claim 28 wherein said cover is a rigid cover supported in a position over the tray.

30. (Previously presented) The oven as set forth in claim 29 wherein said cover comprises a generally horizontal cross wall spanning the top of the tray.

31. (Previously presented) The oven as set forth in claim 30 wherein said cover comprises a pair of side walls extending vertically from the cross wall at opposite sides of the cross wall.

32. (Previously presented) The oven as set forth in claim 29 wherein said at least one compartment has side walls with shoulders for supporting said cover over the tray in the compartment.

33. (Previously presented) The oven as set forth in claim 32 wherein the side walls of said at least one compartment are spaced apart approximately 1 inch greater than a width of said respective tray.

34. (Previously presented) The oven as set forth in claim 23 wherein said heaters also heat side walls of the compartments.

35. (Previously presented) The oven as set forth in claim 23 further comprising a control for controlling the operation of the heaters.

36. (Previously presented) The oven as set forth in claim 35 wherein said control controls the operation of at least one group of heaters independently of another group of heaters.

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37. (Previously presented) The oven as set forth in claim 35 wherein said control controls the operation of each heater independently of the other heaters.

38. (Amended) An oven comprising
a cabinet having a plurality of compartments therein,
a plurality of trays in said compartments, each compartment
being sized for receiving only one tray per compartment,
said compartments being isolated from one another in said
cabinet whereby flavor from food in one tray in one compartment
is prevented from transferring to food in trays in adjacent
compartments,
each compartment having open ends for placement of said
tray in the compartment and removal of said tray from the
compartment,
a plurality of heaters for heating said plurality of
compartments, the operation of each of said plurality of heaters
being controlled independently of the other heaters.

39. (Previously presented) An oven as set forth in claim 38 wherein each of said plurality of compartments has one of said plurality of heaters adjacent thereto for heating the compartment.

40. (Previously presented) An oven as set forth in claim 39 further comprising a cover in at least one of said plurality of compartments for covering a tray in the compartment.

41. (Previously presented) An oven as set forth in claim 40 wherein said at least one of said plurality of compartments has side walls with shoulders for supporting said cover over a tray in the compartment.

42. (Amended) An oven comprising
a cabinet having a plurality of compartments therein,

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a plurality of trays in said compartments, each compartment being sized for receiving only one tray per compartment,

said compartments being isolated from one another in said cabinet whereby flavor from food in one tray in one compartment is prevented from transferring to food in trays in adjacent compartments,

each compartment having open ends for placement of said tray in the compartment and removal of said tray from the compartment,

a plurality of heaters for heating said plurality of compartments, each compartment being heated by one of said plurality of heaters located adjacent the compartment,

the operation of at least one group of said plurality of heaters being controlled independently of another group of said plurality of heaters, and

a cover in at least one of said plurality of compartments for covering a tray in the compartment.

43. (Previously presented) An oven as set forth in claim 42 wherein said at least one of said plurality of compartments has side walls with shoulders for supporting said cover over a tray in the compartment.

Please add the following new claims 44-46:

44. (New) An oven as set forth in claim 23 wherein said plurality of compartments includes side-by-side compartments.

45. (New) An oven as set forth in claim 38 wherein said plurality of compartments includes side-by-side compartments.

46. (New) An oven as set forth in claim 42 wherein said plurality of compartments includes side-by-side compartments.